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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Committee H 307, The Capitol Washington D.C. 20510 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Building Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Hamakua-Kohala Health Center Expansion. The entity to receive this project is Hamakua-Kohala Health Center located at 45-549 Plumeria St, Honokaa, HI 96727. The new clinic will enable Hamakua-Kohala Health to expand access to quality health care for low to moderate-income individuals that are not insured, or insured by Medicare, Medicaid or MedQuest. This new clinic will provide services regardless of patients' ability to pay. None of the private practice physicians in this rural area accept Medicare, Medicaid or MedQuest patients. As a federally qualified health center, Hamakua-Kohala Health delivers high quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary care, as well as supportive services such as health education, translation, and transportation that promote access to health care.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely

Kaiali'i Kahele Member of Congress